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TO: Those Planning Pyrotechnics as Part of University Sponsored Events
FROM: Mark Kebert, University Risk Manager
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RE: Pyrotechnics

With the increasing use of pyrotechnics for special events, all insurance underwriters have concern over this type of activity. The underwriters that handle the University account share in these concerns, as well. Since maintaining the University's insurability is critical, Purdue Risk Management is taking a closer look in this regard.

Moving forward, while we examine this risk within our system, the following minimum requirements must be complied with at all times:

- Purdue University Department of Safety and Security must be notified sufficiently in advance surrounding the event, and their approval of the event must be granted.
- The University's established standards entitled Fire Safety Standards for Pyrotechnic Displays must be complied with at all times.
- Any promoter and/or provider of pyrotechnics must agree by contract to provide Purdue and its Trustees with evidence of at least \$5 mil in comprehensive liability coverage for incidents associated with pyrotechnics. Purdue and its Trustees must be named as an additional insured on the policy provided by that pyrotechnics vendor
- The contract signed with the pyrotechnics provider shall include a suitable indemnity agreement by which the provider agrees to indemnify Purdue and its Trustees for any and all claims resulting from a pyrotechnics incident.

I am available to discuss the above with anyone who may have further questions surrounding this issue.